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SUBJ: FIJI EXTENDS TERRITORIAL SEA LIMITS

1. FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING AUGUST 5, FIJI PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED UNILATERAL DECISION TO EXTEND FIJI'S TERRITORIAL SEA LIMITS FROM THREE TO TWELVE MILES AROUND EACH ISLAND. FORMALIZATION WILL REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY ACTION, AND NECESSARY LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED SOON.

2. PRIMIN SAID EXTENSION WILL HELP IN PROTECTION OF TUNA BAIT FISH RESOURCES, AND ALSO IN ARREST OF FOREIGN SHIPS WHICH LAND ILLEGALLY ON OUTER ISLANDS OF REEFS. LARGER TERRITORIAL AREA WILL PUT INCREASED PRESSURE ON NAVY'S ABILITY TO PATROL IT, THUS GOF IS GIVING ACTIVE CONSIDERATION TO CONSTRUCTION OF MORE AIRFIELDS ON OUTER ISLANDS AND TO ATTACHMENT OF NAVAL AIRCRAFT TO NAVAL SQUADRON.

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3. PM NOTED THAT AT LOS CONFERENCES, CONCEPT OF 12-MILE TERRITORIAL ZONE AND 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE HAS BEEN GENERALLY ACCEPTED. PRIMIN ADDED THAT FIJI RESERVES "RIGHT TO MEASURE OUR TERRITORIAL SEAS AND ECONOMIC ZONE FROM BASELINES DRAWN AROUND THE MAIN FIJI GROUP SHOULD WE GAIN INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE ARCHIPELAGIC STATE REGION." NAVAL SHIPS WILL SOON BEGIN VERIFYING PROPOSED BASELINE POINTS FOR CLAIM AS ARCHIPELAGIC STATE IN READINESS FOR ANY DECISION OF LOS CONFERENCE.
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